

In fact, here are some quotes from KBJ in the U.S. v. Hawkins cases involving Mr. Hawkins, an 18-year-old adult man charged with downloading many images and videos of innocent children being tortured by sex offenders. During this case KBJ said: "I feel so sorry for you"—in reference to Mr. Hawkins himself—"and for the anguish that this has caused all of you."

Judge Jackson feels sorry for the perpetrator. Excuse me? What about the victims and the anguish that this torture has caused them?

In addition, KBJ stated: "This seems to be a situation in which you were fascinated by sexual images involving what were essentially your peers."

Peers? Really?

The vile content Mr. Hawkins possessed depicted boys as young as 8 years old. Mr. Hawkins was 18 at the time, over twice their age.

Keep in mind, the sentencing guidelines called for up to 10 years in prison for Mr. Hawkins, yet Ketanji Brown Jackson sentenced this predator to just 3 months in jail. Three months.

Madam Speaker, we are not talking about someone who disobeyed traffic laws. This is a man convicted of possessing multiple images of child sex torture.

This is sickening and wrong, plain and simple.

It is not just Judge Jackson's record that is worthy of outrage. Revelations from her recent testimony speak volumes to KBJ's interest in legislating from the bench.

When asked to provide the definition for the word "woman," KBJ absurdly said she could not, adding that she isn't a biologist.

Can you think of a more illogical excuse? The word "woman" is a term I am sure that most third graders can accurately describe with ease.

By failing to define a woman, Judge Jackson has shown her true narrative to the American people, exposing her loyalty to the woke left. It is no secret that radical activists are waging a bizarre and dangerous war on women. From women's sports to large corporations, liberals are attempting to erase women while claiming to fight for women's rights.

So by refusing to define a woman, Judge Jackson has revealed that she both accepts and supports the left's treacherous agenda. Furthermore, KBJ's inability to accept and acknowledge the differences between men and women raises serious doubt and questions about her ability to decide judicial outcomes regarding sex, such as title IX cases.

Bottom line, Ketanji Brown Jackson's resistance to the realities that exist between men and women is deeply unsettling and proves that she will adjudicate with an agenda, an immoral agenda that is blatantly wrong for our country.

In another disheartening display of her disqualifications, KBJ also refused to recognize Americans' natural rights.

From the founding of our great country, both our citizenry and our government have acknowledged that we are provided unalienable rights by our creator. It is unconscionable that a nominee to our Nation's highest court would reject this foundational principle, and it is alarming that Senators will still ignore KBJ's appalling testimony and vote for her to serve our judicial system for life.

Mark my words, Ketanji Brown Jackson's refusal to acknowledge Americans' natural rights from God is a Trojan horse for tyranny, presenting yet another glaring example of why she is unfit for the Supreme Court.

We know she is soft on crime. We know she is a vessel for the woke left's dangerous ideology. And we know she cannot definitively defend Americans' God-given rights or precious freedoms.

Yet, despite KBJ's frightening record and recent testimony, the Senate intends to vote on her confirmation to the Supreme Court this week.

If KBJ becomes a Supreme Court Justice, she will serve for decades, solidifying and strengthening the left's menacing grip on our rule of law.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. CLYDE. Her decisions will impact future Americans for generations to come, setting precedent that will ultimately guide our great Nation once you and I are long gone.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. CLYDE. Without question, Americans from Maine, Utah to Alaska, from sea to shining sea, are watching intently, praying their Senators' vote will represent—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is no longer recognized.

JUDGE JACKSON DESERVES CONFIRMATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. STRICKLAND) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, I stand before you to talk about two topics: The confirmation of Judge Jackson, as well as the Restaurant Revitalization Fund.

Judge Jackson is more qualified than the people with whom she will serve, and she is not soft on crime. It is why she has the endorsement of the Fraternal Order of Police and the International Association of Police Chiefs, hardly the radical left.

As we look at the opportunity to make history, we want to make sure that our Supreme Court is representative and reflective of our entire Nation.

Judge Jackson deserves confirmation. She has earned it, and she will be someone that we are proud to have on the Supreme Court.

RESTAURANT RELIEF

Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, this week is one to celebrate. After almost a year of bipartisan, bicameral

negotiations, the House will finally take up legislation to replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund and move us one step closer to getting much-needed relief for restaurants across the finish line.

The funds provided by Congress in 2021 were a lifeline for so many businesses in Washington State and across our Nation. Restaurants were hit especially hard by highly transmissible COVID-19 variants, staffing shortages, supply chain issues, and inflation, which only added to the existing challenges and long-term effects that brought many to the brink of closing their doors for good.

Restaurants have lost 2 years' worth of revenue, and it will take them years to recover and repay their debts. In fact, in Washington State alone, the average full-service restaurant reports being \$160,000 in debt, and it would take them over 3 years to repay it.

I know how critical this second round of funding is because I regularly hear about it from my constituents. The south Puget Sound of Washington State is the proud home of so many small, local restaurants, including Vien Dong in the Lincoln International District and Budd Bay Cafe in Olympia, to name a few.

Many businesses are still struggling to get back on their feet, and most were shut out from ever receiving relief in the first place.

That is why on February 10, I led the Washington State delegation in sending a letter to congressional leadership urging them to replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund and help these employers and employees in need as soon as possible.

These businesses are often neighborhood anchors and family-owned. They are often owned by women, veterans, minorities, and immigrants. They are a critical part of the south Sound and Washington State's economy. We must do everything we can to support them and push for an equitable and inclusive recovery.

FARMERS FACE ENORMOUS AND IMMEDIATE CHALLENGES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the full Agriculture Committee hearing that we held on March 16, the focus of which was the 2018 farm bill and the role of climate change.

Recently, The New York Times wrote a series of stories and produced several videos denigrating rural Americans for providing the country with the safest, most abundant, and most affordable food supply in the history of the world.

Let's set the record straight. U.S. agriculture accounts for less than 10 percent of greenhouse gas emissions, and that is according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Over the last 70

years, U.S. agriculture has tripled food and fiber production while usage of land, energy, fertilizer and other inputs has remained steady.

Early in the first session of this Congress, several of my Republican colleagues and I introduced a slate of climate-friendly and farmer-focused bills. These bills are driven by commonsense solutions to benefit our environment and our farm industry.

Our farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers are the original climate champions. While there is more to be done, we must prevent efforts to fundamentally upend our commodity, conservation, and crop insurance programs to appease Washington think tanks. We must also reject complicating our programs and making climate the focus of every title of the upcoming farm bill reauthorization.

Madam Speaker, under the umbrella of natural land solutions, which includes farmers that grow crops, livestock, and our foresters, the research has shown that at this moment, based on the technology they use, they are responsible for sequestering 6.1 gigatons of carbon annually, greenhouse gas emissions.

To put that into perspective, that takes care of all the greenhouse gas emissions that are emitted on those lands, plus sequestering an additional 10.1 percent. So truly, the American farmer, rancher, and forester are the climate change champions anywhere in the world because of our science, technology, and innovation.

We must ensure agriculture production remains viable in rural America to keep production from increasing in areas of the world with lower environmental standards, worse labor conditions, and fewer food safety considerations. And that is why a robust safety net is critical to keeping farms and production here in the United States while lowering overall global greenhouse gas emissions.

Madam Speaker, our country and our farmers face enormous and immediate challenges including higher food prices, record inflation, and input costs, attacks on our energy independence, crop-protection tools, and dependable labor.

Now, these are the issues I hear about as I travel my district and the country. These are the issues we should be addressing.

I hope at the end of the day we recognize that our voluntary, locally led, incentive-based conservation system is working as intended, and that we must not undermine its continued success in supporting the environment and producers.

American agriculture is science. American agriculture is technology. And American agriculture is innovation. The demands of a 21st century farm economy, and economically viable climate solutions, depend on tools and policies that continue to unleash and increase the United States agriculture productivity.

VIRGIN ISLANDS HISTORY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STANTON). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, the Virgin Islands and its people speak of great resilience. We are a people rich in history and agriculture, struggles and triumphs in the face of disenfranchisement.

March 31, 2022, marked 104 years that the Virgin Islands of the United States have been part of the United States. Our islands were acquired by the United States in the costliest per-acre sale in U.S. land purchase. We became the most easterly point of the United States, and served to protect the Caribbean Basin and the Panama Canal, particularly during World War I.

The sale of the Danish West Indies pulled Denmark out of depression and gave them the capital resources, gold bullion, necessary for them to become the happiest country that we know today. The brutal slavery and serf system that they inflicted on my ancestors, however, was not a happy time.

During the transfer of ceremonies on March 31, 1917, the people of the Virgin Islands, my people, were citizens of no country. All four of my grandparents were alive and living on the island of St. Croix at the time of the transfer.

Only qualified Danish citizens living in Denmark were able to vote in the plebiscite.

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Of my eight great-grandparents, I believe one may have met the land and income requirement mandatory to be able to vote. Only one would have been able to vote for his destiny.

And after the purchase, those living in the territory, my grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, my family, were citizens of no country, nowhere, for 10 years.

Yet, after becoming citizens, Virgin Islanders came immediately to Washington and petitioned, pleaded to be part of the draft. You see, Virgin Islanders, like the other territories, serve and give the ultimate sacrifice in far greater number per capita than those Americans on the mainland. We wanted and still are willing to take on the responsibility, not just the privilege.

Until the United States began ownership of territories, largely comprised of minority, Black and Brown people, disenfranchisement of territories was a temporary condition. From the 1787 Northwest Ordinance until the acquisition of Puerto Rico, lands were deemed territories with the expectation that they would become States.

The disenfranchisement and unequal treatment of people in the Virgin Islands are de jure law. The Insular Cases decided at the turn of the century in the Plessy v. Ferguson-era by the Supreme Court, established a doctrine of separate and unequal status for overseas territories.

However, the disenfranchisement and unequal treatment continues today through court cases in the Bush, Obama, Trump, and now Biden administration, through their oral and written arguments to the Supreme Court, as well as my own colleagues, Congress' unwillingness to grant equal treatment requests made by representatives from the territories.

My fight in Washington has been to level and create equity, to counter the many ways that such disenfranchisement affects our lives, Federal funding, healthcare access, veterans' benefits, structural damage after natural disasters due to longstanding inequitable funding.

It is my deepest honor to be grounded by my history, my parents, and my ancestors from the Virgin Islands, many of whom have played an integral role in the history of this Nation, long even before we were a part of this country; from Denmark Vesey, leader of the Charleston, South Carolina, slave revolt; David Levy Yulee, the first Jewish Senator in the United States; William Leidesdorff, the founder of San Francisco; Edward Wilmot Blyden, one of the founders of Liberia; even today, my predecessor, the first female physician of this body as a Member of Congress, Donna Christensen; and even this weekend, NCAA Women's Basketball Champion, Aliyah Boston.

Our contributions to this Nation are undisputed, and 104 years after our transfer from Denmark to the U.S. possession, our claim to full and inviolable rights as citizens of this country are long overdue.

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise as a proud Member to support the 13th Congressional District.

My district is the third poorest Congressional District in the country, and direct funding and aid to support our most vulnerable communities is so critical to communities like mine.

I want to take a moment to uplift the work that my team and I have done to deliver for our residents through the community projects funding.

I don't know if folks know, but we have the oldest Boys and Girls Club in the Nation, and they are going to see \$2 million in investments to improve the facility in Highland Park so more of our young people can come into a building that is safe and a building that is going to be able to help them thrive.

Also, the Urban Neighborhoods Initiative's Southwest Detroit Creative Connections Collaborative; they are going to be able to create a safe space, community space for our families, especially our youth. This is the community I grew up in, with 20 different ethnicities.